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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON
UGANDA AND SOUTH AFRICA

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1. FOLLOWING AMPLIFIED GUIDANCE REPLACES FIRST AND
SECOND QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS PROVIDED REFTEL:
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QUESTION: IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY, AMBASSADOR
YOUNG REFERRED TO THE (QUOTE) ASSASSINATION (UNQUOTE) OF
THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF UGANDA WHO WAS ACCUSED OF PLOTTING
AGAINST AMIN. DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAVE EVIDENCE
THAT THIS WAS AN ASSASSINATION?

ANSWER: WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS OF THE TRAGIC DEATHS IN UGANDA OF THE ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP AND TO OTHERS. WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL FACTS BEYOND THE PRESS REPORTS. HOWEVER, WE FIND THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THESE DEATHS, AS REPORTED BY THE MEDIA, TO BE DISTURBING, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF THE PAST VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA, OUR CONCERN FOR WHICH IN PART DICTATED OUR DECISION TO CLOSE OUR EMBASSY IN KAMPALA IN 1973.

QUESTION: ARE YOU SAYING THAT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS WRONG IN CALLING IT AN ASSASSINATION, OR ARE YOU CONTRADICTING HIM?

ANSWER: CERTAINLY NOT. THAT WAS NOT ONLY HIS CHARACTERIZATION, BUT ONE USED ALSO BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS. I'M JUST REPEATING THAT WE HAVE NO FURTHER FACTS ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE DEATHS.

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